



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of October 14 to October 28, 2016)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a Savanna man a citation for littering at Mississippi Palisades State Park after a UPS shipping label with his name and address was discovered amongst a pile of garbage that was dumped in a hunting area.

During a deer compliance check CPO Jones arrested two deer hunters. A non-resident was found to be hunting without permits or a license and unlawfully using a crossbow. The other archery hunter was hunting over bait.

CPO Jones and CPO Beltran arrested a Sterling man for digging ginseng at Mississippi Palisades State Park.

A Chadwick man posted his deer harvest on Facebook and was happy about his success killing two deer in a single evening. His happiness diminished when CPO Steve Beltran advised him only one deer was checked into the harvest system. The man regrettably informed CPO Beltran that his friend took the deer and checked it in under his name. The second man arrived and confirmed he had unlawfully taken the deer and falsely tagged it. CPO Beltran gave multiple citations and written warnings to the subjects and suggested to the second man that he remove one of his several “Big Buck” stickers from the back windows of his truck until he can learn how to follow the law.

A 49-year-old Savanna man was checked by CPO Beltran during the waterfowl season. He was hunting geese in his one acre backyard. As the birds would fly over his house he would shoot them and let them fall into a federal sanctuary. He claimed 8 out of every 10 birds he was able to get to drop on his property. Those birds that did not fall onto his property were in locations marked as no trespassing. CPO Beltran recovered the bird from the federal sanctuary and issued the man a citation for wanton waste.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri cited a Geneseo man for unlawfully hunting deer over bait. The man was hunting at Johnson Sauk Trail SRA and there were pears located directly in front of and behind his stand.

JO DAVIESS

CPO Hoogerwerf closed an unlawful feeding of deer case. The Galena woman entered a plea of guilty on an amended charge and paid a total of \$500. This was the third time the woman had been charged with this offense.

LEE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MERCER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

OGLE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri seized a salt block located directly along Knoxville Rd. This was not in a normal hunting area and was visible from the very busy highway.

CPO Posateri and Sgt. Petreikis worked waterfowl hunters in southern Rock Island County on opening day of the North Zone. A hunter from Andalusia was cited for no life jackets in the boat used to transport the hunters to and from the blind. There was no safety equipment in the boat at all (no life jackets, no fire extinguisher, no battery cover, and no valid registration decal). Another hunter from Moline was cited for failure to maintain separate bag limits since the 5 wood ducks killed were all in one pile at the bottom of the boat.

CPO Francisko was checking fishermen along the Hennepin Canal Parkway and Rock River near Milan. The CPO was watching the fisherman from a secluded location. The CPO observed one of the men raise a multi colored pipe to his mouth and light the other end with a lighter. The man inhaled deeply causing smoke to enter his lungs. The CPO determined the man was smoking cannabis in a public area. The man had an additional small container of cannabis with him. The man was issued two citations (possession of drug paraphernalia/possession of cannabis).

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf closed an illegal possession of deer case. The Lena man entered a plea of guilty and paid a total of \$297.

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted a bald eagle death investigation. The eagle was accidentally hit by a car. The remains were transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and forwarded to the National Eagle Repository in Colorado.

Several baited areas are being monitored by CPO Beltran in an effort to catch poachers hunting unlawfully over bait.

CPO Beltran investigated a TIPS complaint of a gunshot deer left on the side of the road. The deer had only the back straps removed and the rest of the meat and carcass was discarded. An investigation is being conducted to see who may have left the deer.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

An Albany man that was charged in Knox County back in November 2015 by CPO Palumbo with multiple deer hunting violations and was ordered to pay \$1,008 and his hunting privileges were suspended for 44 months. He was also placed on 12 months court supervision and his archery hunting gear and deer heads were forfeited to the IDNR as a result of pleading guilty to 4 of the original 12 charges.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPOs conducted an undercover investigation into an unlicensed waterfowl outfitter who was advertising his services online. The CPOs set up a hunt with the outfitter to collect evidence and determine if any other crimes were being committed. CPOs obtained alias licenses, a covert vehicle, and wore plain clothes to complete the hunt. At the end of the hunt the CPOs revealed their true identities and explained the violations they observed. The unlicensed outfitter was issued citations and warnings and given a mandatory court appearance.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued a written warning to a Manlius man for improperly tagging a buck with an antlerless only archery deer tag.

DEKALB COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman received the disposition from a felony drug arrest he made at Starved Rock State Park back in July 2016. Two individuals pleaded guilty to having cannabis, cocaine, and LSD in their possession. One individual received 24 months of probation with random drug testing, 4 days in jail, a \$1000 fine, and ordered to attend drug and alcoholism treatment. The other individual received 30 months of probation, 4 days in jail, and a \$1025 fine.

Sgt. Wire, CPO Alt, and CPO Kaufman responded to a hiker that had fallen at Starved Rock State Park. The hiker had been sitting near a cliff's edge when she slipped and fell 75 feet to the bottom of Pontiac Canyon. She laid on the canyon floor for approximately 20 minutes before other hikers found her. Utica EMS and Ottawa River Rescue treated and transported her to a Life Flight helicopter that flew her to OSF St. Francis in Peoria. She is currently recovering from her injuries.

CPO Murry responded to a suicidal subject at Starved Rock State Park. A female subject called her husband stating that she had taken a large number of pills in an attempt to kill herself. The female subject was located near the Visitor's Center sitting near a tree. The female subject made some comments to CPO Murry in regards to wanting to find a tall cliff to jump off and harm herself. She voluntarily went to the hospital for assistance from medical professionals. This was the second attempted suicide at Starved Rock in less than 16 hours.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks:

2 individuals were issued a citation for remaining on the trails after they have closed

2 individuals were issued citations for entry, climbing, in restricted areas

4 individuals received a civil penalty for possession of drug paraphernalia and less than 10 gr of cannabis

CPO Filipiak was on numerous sport fishing checks which lead to:

2 individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid fishing license

4 Individuals were fishing without permission on private land

CPO Filipiak conducted a traffic stop on an individual traveling 97 mph in a 55 mph zone.

CPO Filipiak issued numerous citations for individuals operating an ATV on the roadway.

CPO Jansen patrolled the Starved Rock Trails during Fall colors weekend and issued 7 citations for entering a restricted area and 4 citations for civil cannabis.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPOs Fraser and Schoonhoven arrested a Rockford man at his home after he fled from CPO Fraser two days earlier. The subject was originally contacted in reference to a noise complaint at the Rock Cut State Park campground, the man stated he ran because he got nervous and was wanted on a warrant. CPO Fraser transported the man to Winnebago County Jail where he was lodged on the warrant and issued citations for resisting/obstructing and State Park violations.

Officer Schoonhoven assisted deputies with the search and recovery of a lost three year old child.

CPO Alt received a burglary to motor vehicle complaint at Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County. The investigation revealed a female suspect had used a stolen credit/debit card from that burglary in order to commit forgery, identity theft, retail theft and possession of stolen property at two local retail stores. CPO Alt located and identified the female responsible for utilizing the stolen credit/debit card from the vehicle burglary as well as a male suspect accomplice. Formal interviewing and arrest warrants for the suspect(s) are forthcoming.

While walking timbers looking for baited whitetail deer tree stands/blinds, CPO Alt came upon two pawed out wet mud holes in the middle of a 10 acre wooded property in Winnebago County within 60 yards of two newly erected tree stands. Soil samples and a control sample were obtained for lab analysis to check for bait. Later that same afternoon, CPO Alt was tracked down by a hunter who identified himself as having the hunting lease on that property this year. The angry hunter volunteered the fact he had just harvested 2 Whitetail deer off of that property a couple days prior and implied CPO Alt had ruined that days evening hunt when he walked the property earlier that day. When CPO Alt explained why he was checking the property and what was found, the hunter became visibly nervous and promptly ended the conversation. If lab results return positive for bait, charges for unlawful taking and/or possession of 2 Whitetail deer and unlawful hunting by aid or use of bait charges will be enforced.

CPO Alt received a complaint from a bow fisherman on the Rock River in Winnebago County. The fisherman had an encounter with a property owner who resides along the river who did not want them in the area bow fishing at night with a spotlight. After yelling at the fisherman, the landowner decided to get in his speedboat and proceed to circle the bow fisherman in his Jon boat. The suspect's speedboat created a hazardous wake which caused some swamping, interfered with the complainant's fishing activity and his navigation. CPO Alt reached out to the Sheriff's Department who received the initial call and is assisting in this investigation. Charges are forthcoming.

While in marked uniform patrol in Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County, CPO Alt clocked a speeding motorist traveling 39 mph in the posted 20 mph. zone. Additional violations discovered included improper display-no front license plate and unlawful operation of a motor vehicle with an expired registration plate or sticker.

CPO Alt is working with the city of South Beloit regarding numerous complaints of waterfowl hunting on the Rock River within the city limits, unlawful hunting within the city limits, a wanton waste violation and a hunting without permission complaint. CPO Alt has reached out to the city council and police department to assist them addressing these complaints past and current complaints.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson received a complaint from a landowner who said he had some folks fishing on his property without permission. CPO Thompson located and observed four male subjects fishing from two boats on private property. After making contact with the occupants, CPO Thompson explained the law as it pertains to trespassing and fishing without permission. After inspecting the vessels and checking licenses, two citations and several warnings were issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid arrested a subject on a Henderson County warrant for battery.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Lazzell is conducting an ongoing investigation in several central Illinois counties involving multiple violations of the Illinois Timber Buyers Licensing Act.

CPO Reid taught two Hunter Safety classes in Galesburg.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPO Stanbary were called about a boat stranded on the Illinois River after running out of fuel. Finn called Sgt. Avery to notify the Coast Guard of the stranded boater and alert barge traffic in the area. CPOs Finn and Stanbary retrieved a boat and found the boater approximately half a mile north of the Lacon Bridge (Rte. 17). The operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol and given citations for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol after being towed to the Lacon Marina.

CPO Finn observed a Lombard man and his son to be spotlighting deer after hours. The men were interviewed and several citations were issued including hunting by use of a vehicle, use of a light (spotlighting), hunting from a roadway, unlawful use of a crossbow, hunting after hours and uncased crossbow. Other violations included unlawful attempt to take whitetail deer, unsigned tags and hunting without permission. The crossbow was seized at the time of the stop.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell received a case disposition on a subject who was arrested on the Illinois River for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (BAC of .159). The defendant was found guilty of OUI and fined a total of \$2,567.

STARK COUNTY

CPO Lazzell appeared in Stark County and Henry County court regarding the arrest of a Wisconsin man for buying timber without a timber buyer's License. The defendant pleaded not guilty in both counties and has requested a jury trial.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited a subject for fishing without a valid sport fishing license

WARREN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE

In July of this year, CPO Semenik arrested a St Charles woman on the Fox River for operation of watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI). The woman was found guilty and sentenced to 12 months court supervision and fined \$1435.00. Portions of the fine went to M.A.D.D and AAIM-Alliance.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Semenik arrested an Arlington Heights man waterfowl hunting off Spring Lake. He was charged with unlawful take of protected species (Pied Billed Grebe) and possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams.

CPO Winters and Kelley conducted waterfowl enforcement on Grass Lake. Multiple written warnings were issued for various violations.

CPO Winters received a call from ISP regarding a truck fully submerged in the water at the boat ramp at the Chain O' Lakes State Park. The individual stated he was unloading the boat from the trailer when the vehicle began rolling backwards into the water until it was fully submerged; he believed he either put the vehicle into reverse or neutral.

CPO Kelley issued several written warnings to fishermen and waterfowl hunters for license and HIP violations.

McHENRY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon

(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Anderson and Wollgast continue to work baited tree stands.

CPO Mieure handled a damage to property incident at Goose Lake State Park where a semi driver attempted to back into a park road and struck the gate.

CPO Wollgast recovered an injured eagle and transported it to a licensed rehabber.

CPO Wollgast attended a Grundy County Career Fair.

CPO Wollgast assisted Grundy Sheriff with a criminal trespass complaint.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker received a complaint of a person operating a boat recklessly on the Kankakee River. She has cited this subject for the same violation previously. Investigation continues.

CPO Vadbunker cited a hunter for unlawfully obtaining resident hunting licenses and permits for his son.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland served an eviction notice to a chronic violator at Silver Springs State Park.

CPO Bergland cited an individual for littering.

CPO Reid responded to a suspicious person complaint at Silver Springs State Park. The complaint was unfounded.

WILL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon **(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias was on a boat patrol in Lake Michigan with CPO Klemme. Several boats were stopped for random safety inspections or due to no registration visible. Four citations were issued by the two CPOs for no registration or unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Macias was inside Lincoln Park Lagoon where snagging is legal (Oct-Dec). He conducted several fishing checks on all the subjects snagging in the lagoon. One individual was in the middle of reeling in a snagged salmon and admitted to CPO Macias he did not have a fishing license nor a salmon stamp. A citation and a written warning were issued to the individual and he was told his day of fishing was over. The salmon was given to another fisherman who counted it towards his daily limit.

CPO Macias conducted a Hunters Safety Course at the Chicago Heights Moose Lodge #828. In attendance were 13 children, 7 first time hunters, 3 non-residents, and the rest were local hunters.

CPO Macias was on a boat patrol with CPO Klemme and noticed a rental pontoon boat with 4 children inside. Only three were wearing an approved PFD for children; a stop was initiated and a citation issued for a child under 13 years of age without a PFD

CPO Macias was conducting fishing checks at Saganaski Slough in Lemont when a pair of teens asked if the CPO had a medical kit, a friend had stepped into the water and cut his foot badly. CPO Macias grabbed his medical kit and went to the injured teen. The young man had stepped into the water barefoot to retrieve a snagged fishing line, slipped and cut his foot in between his toes. The cut was bleeding badly and he needed to stop the blood. CPO Macias donned safety gloves, grabbed a hemostatic pad and stopped the blood flow. Antiseptic was added and the laceration was bandaged to stop the blood. CPO Macias asked the group if they wanted EMS to be summoned and the teens said no. The teens thanked CPO Macias and departed the area.

CPO Farber issued several citations at Waukegan Harbor for snagging in a posted restricted area.

CPO Farber received a TIP from a concerned fisherman regarding a subject taking an over limit of salmon. CPO Farber responded to Waukegan Harbor Government Pier to address the violations. He observed the subject snagging in a posted restricted area. The subject in question had three Chinook salmon in a garbage bag next to him on the pier. The daily limit for salmon is five per person. The subject was not in possession of a fishing license or salmon stamp. After questioning the subject he admitted to having more fish in his vehicle. Ten more Chinook salmon were recovered from

the vehicle for a total of thirteen. The poacher was cited for an over limit of salmon, fishing without a license and snagging in a posted restricted area.

CPO Farber attended a club meeting for the Northwest Towns Sportsmens Club. The meeting was held at the American Legion Post 208 in Arlington Heights. CPO Farber discussed the enforcement/non- enforcement duties of a Conservation Police Officer as well as the changes to the 2016-17 Hunting and Trapping Digest. Many stories were shared and a great time was had by all.

CPO Vaughan has issued numerous citations for illegal snagging in Chicagoland Harbors.

CPO Vaughan instructed the Game Laws section at a Hunter Safety class in Arlington Heights.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects unlawfully snagging salmon in a Lake Michigan Harbor. When he contacted the two subjects it was learned one of the subjects was cited just a couple of days prior for unlawfully snagging salmon by Sgt. Shannon at the same location. Both subjects were cited for unlawfully snagging.

CPO Whitchurch observed a two people unlawfully snagging salmon in a Lake Michigan Harbor. Both subjects were being very vigilant by looking around often and acting nervous. When a large King Salmon swam past them, both subjects attempted to snag the salmon. CPO Whitchurch approached the two subjects who attempted to cut the snag hooks off of their lines. CPO Whitchurch ordered them to stop which they did. Both were cited for unlawfully snagging.

CPO Whitchurch observed a grown male attempting to snag salmon illegally with his twelve year old son. The twelve year old was also attempting to snag salmon illegally. Both of them were snagging within mere feet of moored watercraft. CPO Whitchurch contacted the father and his son and informed them of the importance of following all applicable fishing regulations and laws. The father was issued a citation for unlawfully snagging.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects climb over a fence which was posted informing persons to stay out of the area. Once the subjects climbed over the fence, they immediately began to snag salmon illegally. CPO Whitchurch made contact with both subjects who acknowledged they should not be in the posted area. Enforcement action was taken against both subjects for unlawfully snagging in waters closed to snagging and for unlawfully snagging within 200 feet of moored watercraft.

CPO Whitchurch received a complaint from a boat owner in a Chicago, Lake Michigan Harbor who complained of a male subject who was snagging salmon in a harbor where snagging was unlawful. The complainant stated the subject had hit his boat with a snag hook multiple times. CPO Whitchurch observed a subject matching the description of the subject, given by the complainant, actively snagging in the area of the complainant's boat. Contact with the subject was made and he was informed of all snagging regulations. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject unlawfully snagging salmon in a Lake Michigan Harbor. Once the subject saw CPO Whitchurch approaching him, he tossed his fishing rod down in the crack of the harbor wall and attempted to hop over a fence and get away. CPO Whitchurch closed the gap between the subject before he was totally over the fence. The subject was ordered to retrieve his fishing gear which he hid. The subject was cited for unlawfully snagging.

CPO Whitchurch checked a group of three anglers who were salmon fishing at Lake Michigan. While checking two of the anglers, the third angler, who was a little further down on the shoreline ,dropped his fishing gear, walked back to his car, and sat in the car. CPO Whitchurch walked over to the car and requested a fishing license from the subject. The subject did not have a valid sport fishing license and was cited.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject shining a light in Lake Michigan at a harbor for an extended period of time. CPO Whitchurch then observed the subject reach into a tall bush and retrieve a fishing pole with a snag hook attached to it. The subject then immediately casted the snag hook into the water and unlawfully snagged a large salmon. Once the fish

was landed, CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject who knew he should not have been snagging at that location. The fish was returned to the water and the subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed two subjects fishing. Once CPO Whitchurch exited his patrol vehicle and began to walk over to the subjects, one of the subjects rested his pole up against a wall and began to climb a hill behind him which led to a street. CPO Whitchurch walked up to the street and met the subject who apologized to CPO Whitchurch for leaving the area because he panicked. The subject did not have a valid sport fishing license and was cited.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Lake Michigan Harbor when he observed two persons unlawfully snagging salmon right next to moored watercraft and in a harbor where snagging is not permitted by law. CPO Whitchurch walked up behind the two at which time one of them saw CPO Whitchurch who then alerted his friend CPO Whitchurch was close. Both persons cut their snag hooks off their lines and allowed the line and snag hook to sink to the bottom of Lake Michigan waters. One of the subjects, who is an Illinois resident, possessed a valid fishing license and salmon stamp. The other subject, who was an out of state resident, did not have a valid fishing license or a salmon stamp. Multiple citations were issued for multiple violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan in the middle of the night when he observed three subjects salmon fishing. CPO Whitchurch conducted compliance checks on the three subjects who all stated they had fishing licenses and salmon stamps but they did not have the licenses and stamps on them. CPO Whitchurch requested identification from all three subjects so he could verify they all purchased fishing licenses and stamps. Record checks on all three subjects revealed neither of them had valid fishing licenses and salmon stamps. When CPO Whitchurch confronted the three subjects about not finding their fishing licenses or stamps on file, all three admitted to lying to CPO Whitchurch about their licenses. Multiple citations were issued to the three subjects.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol observing fishing activity at a Lake Michigan Harbor. He observed a subject attempt to snag salmon illegally. CPO Whitchurch exited his patrol vehicle at which time the subject saw CPO Whitchurch and began to walk away while cutting the snag hook off of the line. CPO Whitchurch stopped the subject and requested a fishing license and salmon stamp from the subject. The subject did not have a fishing license or a salmon stamp. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in an IDNR State Fish and Wildlife Area in Chicago during the hours of darkness when the State Fish and Wildlife Area is officially closed. CPO Whitchurch observed a subject driving and parking a vehicle while having an open beer in the console. CPO Whitchurch contacted the driver of the vehicle and informed the driver of the alcohol violations and hours of use violation. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Farber set up surveillance at the residence of a subject that was wanted on an Illinois Conservation Police warrant for possession of an endangered species. The subject was a former white supremacist with an extensive criminal history. He was also wanted for questioning regarding unlawful possession of venomous reptiles and releasing venomous reptiles at a public park in Northbrook. CPO Farber observed him exit his apartment and throw waste into the dumpster. CPO Farber exited his position of concealment, identified himself as a CPO, and immediately put the subject in handcuffs. Lombard Police Department was contacted and transported the subject to the Police Department for questioning. After sitting in the interview room for a while the man started to complain of chest pains. Lombard EMS was notified and arrived on scene. After speaking with EMS and discussing different hospital and administrative options the subject miraculously felt better. He was cleared by EMS and signed release papers. He was then placed back into the interview room. Sgt. Shannon was called and arrived to interview the subject. Sgt. Shannon was able to get the violator to admit to possessing Western Diamond Back Rattle snakes. He also found out where and how many snakes were released in Northbrook. The subject posted \$275.00 cash bond for the warrant. He was also issued a citation for unlawful possession of a venomous reptile and given a mandatory court date in Chicago.

District 4 CPOs pulled all of the boats from Lake Michigan. The boats were cleaned and winterized for storage.

CPO Gilmer was traveling home after a long night of firearms training, when he observed a Seneca Police Officer on a traffic stop. CPO Gilmer positioned his squad behind the Seneca Officer and initiated his emergency lights. As he went to the front of the Seneca police squad he observed the Seneca Police Officer asking the driver of the stopped vehicle to exit his vehicle. The driver admitted to being under the influence of Ambien. After Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, CPO Gilmer ended up assisting on a DUI drugs arrest.

CPO Gilmer performed a late night snagging detail at Waukegan Harbor writing five citations and five written warnings for snagging violations. CPO Gilmer left Government Pier after writing several citations and hid in the shadows. Less than three minutes later a male subject started committing snagging violations. CPO Gilmer approached and asked why he was doing the same thing other fishermen had received tickets for just minutes ago? The fisherman answered with, "I thought you were gone, and I just can't help myself!" He was given a citation and written warning for snagging violations as well.

CPO Gilmer was at the retention pond of Sunset Knolls Recreation Area in Lombard, DuPage County. There were several fishermen, but he had a complaint on two male fishermen taking over the limit on largemouth bass. He sat in the weeds directly behind the fishermen for over three hours watching the fishermen catch fish. As they were leaving, CPO Gilmer jumped out of the weeds and asked for their fishing licenses. One fisherman pulled his from his wallet and the other stated he wasn't fishing. CPO Gilmer told them he was watching them for over three hours and he said, "Well, I guess I'm getting a ticket then. I owe back child support and can't get a fishing license." He was cited for fishing without a fishing license and given a warning for littering after he picked up his trash. All fish were of legal species. Both talked about how they couldn't wait to get the fish in some Crisco!

DUPAGE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LAKE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued three salvage deer permits.

CPO Wellum issued Crawford County man a citation for leaving an unattended dog in a park at Lincoln Trail State Park.

Dog left unattended for 12 hours with no food or water.

COLES COUNTY

CPOs Moody and Barnes wrote multiple fish code violations at various lakes.

CPO Barnes cited an Arthur subject for fishing without a valid license at Lake Paradise.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Pana man for illegal take of whitetail deer and failure to report harvested deer. The man was also

given multiple written warnings pertaining to another deer that he had shot and failed to report. The man had shot two deer, failing to tag or report one of them and failing to report the harvested buck.

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Greenup man for trespass to harvest ginseng and harvesting ginseng with no valid license. The two cited the same man last year for the same charges

CPO Wellum arrested Coles county man for speeding 87 mph in a 55 mph zone in Cumberland County.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EDGAR COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds cited a Fithian man driving 84 mph in a 55 mph zone on the Lake Shelbyville Bridge in Moultrie County.

CPO Greuel attended a Hunter Safety Course in Moultrie County.

CPO Moody spoke to a group of youth hunters at the annual Corps of Engineers youth deer hunt on Lake Shelbyville.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes attended a Hunter Safety Course at the Windsor Gun Club in Shelby County.

CPOs Greuel and Wellum administered a three night Firearms training sessions at the Charleston and DeWitt County Ranges.

CPO Barnes and Moody attended night Firearms Training at the DeWitt County range.

Sgt McReynolds attended a night Firearms Training at the Charleston Police Department range.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPOs Reeves, Graden, Ausmus, and Sgt. Williamson responded to, and are currently investigating, a fatal hunting accident in Dewitt County. The victim, a Champaign man, was archery deer hunting when he fell from his tree stand. The man was a under treatment for cancer and not wearing a safety strap. The man was transported to Dr. John Warner Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Sgt. Williamson assisted Farmer City Police department with a call of a wild cat that was at a house within the city limits. After interviewing the owner it was found that the she had the proper permits for the animal.

CPO Viverito, Sgt. Williamson and a Clinton Lake State Park employee attended a bench trial for a Clinton man that was charged for fishing in the restricted area by the Clinton Lake Dam. After the bench trial the man was found guilty and ordered to pay \$120 fine plus \$25 in costs.

While patrolling Clinton Lake Sgt. Williamson noticed two people run from him at the Peninsula Day Use area shelter. As he parked his vehicle the other two people at the shelter walked into the woods. As Sgt. Williamson began walking towards the shelter the two males that walked into the woods came back out. Sgt. Williamson talked with them and found one of them to be in possession of cannabis, pipe, grinder and a scale. Further investigation found that the two people that ran were also from Clinton and had a backpack with them. CPO Graden and Viverito arrived to help locate the two people that ran. CPO Viverito and K9 Hank tracked the people towards Rte 10. DeWitt County Sheriff's Deputies picked them up and brought them to the Day Use area. When they arrived they did not have the backpack and did not admit to having a backpack with them. CPO Viverito and K9 Hank went back to the area that they were picked up from and less than 100 yards from there a backpack was located that contained over 300 grams of cannabis, scale, baggies, individually bagged cannabis, a scale and a pipe. After interviews, one of the subjects was charged with a class 3 felony for the possession of 10 - 500 grams of cannabis with the intent to deliver.

CPO Viverito focused on fish enforcement on Clinton Lake the last week of October. He observed two males fishing along the shoreline. A brief fish inspection ensued which uncovered two short crappie. Both men received citations.

The last week of October CPO Viverito was patrolling Clinton Lake Recreational Area. Officer Viverito made contact with two hunters leaving the field. One of the hunters failed to purchase a hunting license and habitat stamp. After searching the hunter's sales records CPO Viverito discovered that the individual often failed to purchase these items. The hunter also checked in a deer the week prior. CPO Viverito explained to the hunter that not having a hunting license and habitat stamp made the deer illegally harvested. Officer Viverito issued the man 1 citation and 3 written warnings.

FORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MACON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

McLEAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing reported.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford conducted an enforcement detail on the Fall Trout opener at Kickapoo State Park and cited a Champaign resident for no fishing license and a second Champaign resident for an over-limit of trout.

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford investigated a complaint of unlawful harvest of ginseng in the Walnut Point State Park in Douglas County and as a result of this investigation two Georgetown Illinois residents were cited for the unlawful harvest of ginseng on state property and no valid ginseng harvest license.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Myers and Blazinic received a call from Illinois State Police (ISP) dispatch. ISP informed them that a subject had made threats to his family of committing suicide. CPO Myers and Blazinic located and talked with the subject for hours on the Mississippi River. CPO Myers and Blazinic convinced the subject to be handcuffed and transported to the hospital for treatment/psychological examination.

CPO Blazinic was contacted by a landowner. The landowner stated that he owns property behind a shooting range in Adams County. He indicated that rounds from the gun range are entering and or ricocheting onto his property when he and his nephews are bow hunting. He feared that either he or his nephews may be accidentally shot. CPO Blazinic contacted the owner of the gun range and expressed his concerns. The owner of the range was open to ideas to make the range safer.

CPO Blazinic was patrolling Adams County when he observed a pickup truck parked just off of the roadway in a patch of woods. He noticed an individual inside the pickup truck and approached. He met with a subject who told him that he had just harvested a button buck on his property. Upon follow up interview and checking the subject for licenses/deer tags, he learned that the subject did not tag the deer. He followed the subject back onto his property and observed a freshly killed, field dressed button buck which was untagged.

BROWN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CALHOUN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

GREENE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley located a baited tree stand in Hancock County. After interviewing a subject, a Tioga man was charged with feeding of wildlife and hunting over bait. Through the course of the interview with the man, CPO Wheatley discussed a separate issue regarding stolen tree stands and trail cameras. The subject failed to provide information on the missing property; however the subject revealed he was given a shotgun by a convicted felon to hold onto. The shotgun was seized pending investigation.

CPO Wheatley responded to a call with Hancock County Sheriff's office involving a man with a knife walking around La Harpe threatening to kill someone. Once on the scene, the subject was already in custody. The deputy asked CPO Wheatley and a trooper to track down the intended victim. The two of them were able to locate the subject and get a written statement.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten received a complaint of individuals unlawfully harvesting ginseng at Pere Marquette State Park. They were observed in the area on multiple occasions. CPO Goetten and CPO Bob Liebl conducted interviews with the suspects. Both admitted to the violations. They were both cited and a large amount of ginseng was seized.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle in Jersey County for expired registration. A passenger was wanted on an Adams County arrest warrant. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten received a complaint in Jersey County. While responding, the Jersey County Sheriff located a vehicle matching the description of the suspect. On arrival, CPO Goetten identified the subject who he had received multiple complaints on in 2014 and 2015. The subject denied all allegations. Two stolen registration stickers were recovered from his registration plate by the Sheriff. He was also in possession of a 223 rifle. A spent shell casing was located inside the vehicle. CPO Goetten responded to the complaints address and received a statement. The subject was cited for hunting with the aid of a conveyance, transportation of a loaded/uncased firearm and hunting from a public roadway. His rifle was seized for forfeiture.

CPO Michael Goetten handled a property damage accident at Pere Marquette State Park.

CPO Goetten assisted Jersey County with two serious motorcycle accidents.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff was dispatched to assist Brighton Police Department who had stopped a vehicle for speeding. The subject had an untagged deer in the back of the truck. CPO Gushleff questioned the subject and issued him a citation for failure to immediately tag deer upon kill.

CPO Gushleff was called by a farmer in Macoupin County who advised him that someone had dumped a deer in his farm field. The farmer stated the subject left his tag on the deer. CPO Gushleff responded and took the deer and tags into evidence. An investigation led to the subject on the tag and he was issued 2 citations. The subject not only illegally dumped the deer; he also failed to call in the harvest of the deer.

PIKE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LOGAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MASON COUNTY

MENARD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MORGAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SANGAMON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

Nothing reported

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Ray and CPOT Tripp attended Clinton County Safety Days with the CPO Trailer. Safety Days was held at the Clinton County Fairgrounds hosting over 300 grade school children.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl had reports of hunters moving the barricades and driving down the closed road on Chouteau Island to the hunting areas. While checking the area CPO Liebl discovered a vehicle leaving. When asked what they were doing, the driver said they were out plinking. An uncased 22 rifle and an uncased and loaded 12 gauge shotgun were found in the trunk. A check of the man's FOID came back cancelled and revoked. Citations were issued for disobeying a traffic control device, transportation of a loaded firearm, and possession of firearm with no valid FOID. A written warning for a registration offense was also issued.

MONROE COUNTY

During October, CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop located three different archery deer hunters who were hunting with the aid of bait which consisted of several kinds of commercial deer bait, corn and other baits. Each hunter received a citation and warnings for various other violations.

CPO Ralph Sievers attended a hunter safety class at Maeystown.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Jerseyville male at Coffeen Lake for fishing with no fishing license.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Carlinville male for illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage by a passenger in Montgomery County.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Greenville male for illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage by a driver at Coffeen Lake.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Gillespie male for disobeying a stop sign in Montgomery County.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Greenville male for a civil violation for illegal possession of drug paraphernalia at Coffeen Lake.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Greenville male for a civil violation for illegal possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams at Coffeen Lake.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Greenville female for illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage by a passenger at Coffeen Lake.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Louisiana male for illegally bow hunting in a restricted area at Coffeen Lake.

CPO Matt Lentz cited an Arkansas male for illegally bow hunting in a restricted area at Coffeen Lake.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Louisiana male for operation of a watercraft after sunset without displaying proper lights at Coffeen Lake.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers investigated a hunting accident in Randolph County. The ratchet strap to the tree stand's ladder busted and the ladder bent over as the hunter attempted to climb down from the tree stand. The hunter fell approximately 20 feet. The hunter was air lifted to from the scene due to his injuries.

CPO Charles received information of potential trespassing in Randolph County on Peabody Coal Property. On his way to the complaint, CPO Charles was one of the first on scene at a single vehicle rollover accident. CPO Charles assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office and other EMS first responders at the scene. CPO Charles then was able to make contact with the hunter and determined that the hunter was hunting legally with permission to hunt the property.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray and CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted a timber cutting activity inspection in St. Clair County. This was an active timber cutting, consisting of more than 5 landowners and over \$100,000 in timber sales. A local forester marked all timber prior to cutting with all landowners receiving a contract. All landowners have received full payment and 4% fees were paid to IDNR.

CPO Rolfingsmeier assisted CPO Ray and IDNR park staff with the removal of an abandoned watercraft from the Kaskaskia River. CPO Ray and CPO Rolfingsmeier are investigating the reason why the owners abandoned the watercraft.

CPO Ralph Sievers stopped a timber truck south of Millstadt. The driver had not completed his daily haul log and he was driving on a learners permit. CPO Sievers contacted the Illinois State Police due to the commercial driver not having a valid license. CPO Sievers issued the driver a citation for not have completed his daily haul log and the Trooper issued the driver for not having a valid commercial driver's license and an unsecured load.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles received information of potential furbearer trapping out of season from Sgt. Manker. CPO Charles investigated the area and discovered multiple live traps in the area, one of which had a live raccoon in it. CPO Charles made contact with the property owner and determined that the property owners had placed the live traps out on the property and were illegally trapping raccoons out of season. The individuals were cited for their unlawful activity.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff is investigating a person for hunting while revoked.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden attended the annual IDNR Wing Shooting Clinic at Ten Mile Creek FWA in Hamilton County. CPO Folden spent time speaking to the participants both Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23. The annual event targets youth and women providing them opportunity to either be introduced to the sport of wing shooting or improve their skills.

CPO Lay issued a citation and a written warning to a Franklin County resident for the harvest of ginseng without a license, and trespass to harvest ginseng. A landowner had phoned in that a subject was trespassing on his land to dig for the root without permission.

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Folden is investigating a complaint of unlawful driving 4x4 vehicles off the road way on Rend Lake WMA. One subject has been cited. Another subject has been identified but has not been located.

CPO Folden is investigating multiple baited deer stands. The bait was recently located and hunters have not been identified yet.

CPO Lay investigated a Target Illinois Poachers complaint. An unknown suspect had placed a large amount of corn on the Rend Lake Corps of Engineers property (public hunting area), in a heavily wooded area, this investigation is ongoing.

POPE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SALINE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff issued a citation for fishing without a license.

CPO Schoenhoff is investigating a trespassing and hunting without permission complaint.

OTHER: CPO Diggins and Folden assisted District 16 with the Ft. Massac Encampment in Metropolis. CPOs assisted with traffic control and security.

Williamson County, D#16 - CPO Diggins cited a Creal Springs hunter for unlawful take of whitetail deer without a valid permit (2 deer). The hunter received written warnings for failure to tag and report the deer as required.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith found two individuals walking down a flooded roadway. CPO Smith stopped them and asked what they were doing. Apparently the young men just bought two kayaks and decided to try them out on the Little Wabash River. They floated down the river for a few miles and banked the boats and were walking to meet someone for a ride. CPO Smith educated the two inexperienced boaters on the laws and issued 2 written warnings for life jackets and 2 written warnings for unnumbered watercraft.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Taylor caught a bow hunter hunting over bait (trophy rock). Hunter was issued 2 citations.

EDWARDS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith received information that someone had dumped deer carcasses in the Little Wabash River near Boggsville. CPO Smith responded and arrived in the area. CPO Smith observed some deer carcasses laying on high ground and a few more in the river bed. CPO Smith found a harvest tag attached to a leg and removed it. The tag was from the youth firearm deer season. CPO Smith contacted the person whose name was on the tag. The person was a 16 year old female. CPO Smith received the female's father's number and called him. The father stated he gave the deer carcass to an individual to feed to his dogs. CPO Smith contacted that person and found out that the individual's family member had dumped the carcasses in the river. CPO Smith met with the individual responsible for dumping the carcasses in the river and issued a citation for littering in the water.

CPO Smith was traveling westbound on Mason-Eberle Road (300N), and observed a vehicle stopped, sitting stationary on 1600th Street. CPO Smith approached the vehicle and activated his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop. CPO Smith observed Mississippi registration plates and observed the operator talking on a cell phone. CPO Smith asked ISP dispatch to run a driver's license check on the driver. ISP advised the driver was suspended out of the state of Mississippi. CPO Smith issued the driver one citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended driver's license and a written warning for uncased compound bow.

CPO Smith observed a truck shining a spotlight out of the rear driver side passenger area. CPO Smith approached the vehicle and activated his emergency lights. CPO Smith walked up to the truck and observed 8 people (18 and 19 years old). CPO Smith explained the laws pertaining to shining wildlife and issued a warning.

FAYETTE COUNTY

On 10-10-2016 at about 1:17 a.m. the Fayette County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant on a camping trailer at Ramsey Lake State Park. Two subjects were arrested on methamphetamine charges and three other subjects were arrested on arrest warrants. A meth response team was called in to clean the area of hazardous material.

JASPER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor investigated a serious injury tree stand accident where the hunter's ladder stand buckled causing the hunter to fall approximately 20 feet.

CPO Taylor investigated serious injury bicycle accident that took place on Red Hill State Park. Subject was riding off road on a non-designated trail and crashed.

MARION COUNTY

Nothing reported.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WABASH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WAYNE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek took a report of theft of state property at the Horseshoe Lake Fish & Wildlife Area.

JACKSON COUNTY

A bowhunter at Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area advised CPO Mohrman that he found the remnants of a meth lab on the site. After explaining where to find it, CPO Mohrman hiked to the spot in question and did locate what was left of the meth lab. The materials which made up the lab had been at this spot for a long time and posed no threat to public safety. The remaining trash items were packed out by CPO Mohrman.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MASSAC COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis and the Perry County Sheriff's Department responded to a complaint of a fight in progress in Willisville. The complainant stated he could hear screaming and the sound of punches. It was determined the situation was actually a domestic. The punching sound the complainant heard was a person under the influence of methamphetamine hitting her head repeatedly on the side of her mobile home. Perry County is handling the investigation.

CPO Mohrman was able to return a 10 point buck head to the bowhunter who rightfully harvested it. As reported previously the hunter shot the deer at Pyramid State Park and left it over night to bleed out. Upon returning the next morning to recover the deer he found the body but the head with the rack was cut-off. After postings on social media and putting the word out the deer head was recovered and given to CPO Mohrman. This was the longest and strangest deer track CPO Mohrman has ever been involved with. The hunter was extremely happy to get the head back and was heading to the taxidermist after he checked it in.

CPO Mohrman, with the assistance of CPOs Charles and Sievers, was able to locate a Coulterville subject who was caught by a landowner fishing where he was not supposed to. The subject was elusive and somewhat agitated when previously encountered by CPO Mohrman so it was thought best to bring a number of officers who also had previous contact with the subject. Although still not happy with the circumstances the subject accepted his citations for fishing without permission and unlawfully operating an ATV on private property.

PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing reported.

UNION COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Lewis attended a Trapper Safety Class in Williamson County.